

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of parent application Serial No. 09/978,524. In that case, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement contending that the application discloses and claims two distinct inventions. While Applicant strongly disagrees with this assessment, Claims 1-12 were provisionally elected for prosecution in the '524 application. This application has now been filed in order to expedite prosecution of Claims 13-21.

In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 12-2355**.

Respectfully submitted,

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